

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 518

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A RESOLUTION to urge the administration, faculty, and staff of a college of law at a land grant university to review its mission as it relates to the filing of legal proceedings against other governmental entities.

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Law, located in Knoxville, was founded in 1890 and is the home to the longest-running legal clinical program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the institution takes great pride in preparing future lawyers through dedicated clinical and skills training, innovative classroom teaching, comprehensive legal writing, and the sharing of professional values; and

WHEREAS, as a governmental entity, the College of Law should provide assistance to other governmental entities, both state and local, who seek to perform their official duties with the utmost professionalism and adherence to fiscal limitations and not create unnecessary expenses to be borne by the taxpayers of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby urge the administration, faculty, and staff of a college of law at a land grant university to review its mission as it relates to the filing of legal proceedings against other governmental entities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage students, faculty, or staff members of a college of law at a land grant university in this State not to represent a party or parties or otherwise participate or assist in a lawsuit in which the party or parties' interests are adverse to those of state government or any local government entity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.